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THE SUBJECT MATTER now under discussion between the respective political parties represented in the Senate is of sufficient gravity to arrest any haste of conclusion. There is not' the slightest need of vituperation or of sophistry. The issue is not of a character to evoke purely partisan doctrine or to be settled as a question of party expediency. On the contrary it is an issue that lays hold upon the foundations of our system and should be met in a spirit of patriotic discretion quite irrespective of party zeal.

The real question involved is not upon a technical rendering of the statute which says that the President of the Senate shall administer the oath of office to Senators, but whether the line of the Presidential succession shall be dislocated.

Under existing law, the person chosen by the Senate of the XLVIIth Congress to be its presiding officer is the de facto Vice-President of the United States, and as such holds the same relation to the Executive branch of the Government that the duly elected Vice-President ordinarily holds during the life of a duly elected President.

By virtue of a series of accidents, the Democrats of the Senate have become invested with power to elect a President the Senate, who is thereby Vice-President de facto of the United States. They have exerted this power to the choice of Thomas F. Bayard. The result of this action is to vest the Chief Executive succession in the Opposition, so long as Mr. Bayard holds the place to which the series of accidents aforesaid has elevated him.

The main issue in the premises, therefore, resolves itself into the inquiry whether such conjunction is not a violation of the spirit manifest in the framework of our organic law. It will be observed that the framers of the Constitution took infinite pains and exhausted precaution to yoke the offices of President and Vice-President inseparably in the scheme devised for their joint election. Under the operation of the electoral system it is impossible that a President of one party and a Vice-President of another be sen by the people. They must stand or

This device is to our mind proof positive that the Fathers intended the executive succession to remain during the prescribed term in the party victorious at the last preceding general election.

The subsequent provision of the Constitution that Congress shall provide a mode of succession in case of the removal of both President and Vice-President does not alter the spirit of the original article. This grant of power to Congress to provide for extraordinary and unforeseen contingencies was obviously a mere supplement to the previous device, and the design was that the action contemplated in the supplement should be guided by the evident spirit and tenor of the original or main clause.

We do not attach any importance to the argument put forward by some Republicans that the existence of a Democratic Vice President de facto would be, in effect, a perpetual temptation held out to some crazy Democrat to assassinate the Republican President. This is a weak plea, unworthy of

Even if the thing had intrinsic logic, it would be vitiated by the peculiar choice that has been made. We do not believe that there is a Democrat in the United States crazy enough to desire to see Mr. insanity is of two soft and harmless a variety to render the suspicion, of violence

No; that is not the question. It is not in any sense an issue reducible to a personality. It is generic, and takes in the whole philosophy of executive succession. The fact that things have been left to run at loose ends for a hundred years argues nothing. Hitherto there has been no succession Grand Opening. beyond the regular constitutional provision. It has always happened that two lives were sufficient to cover the four years. But never before has the succession been

dislocated. Lafayette Foster was doubtless personally opposed to Andrew Johnson, but both were elected by the same party, which preserved intact our theory of the spirit of Constitution in its provision for the execu-

However, it is not our purpose to confine our analysis to the limits of the presumption that the existing statute is wise. We look upon the existing statute as being itself a violation of the spirit of the Constitution.

The existing statute is, in fact, anomalous in that it transfers the executive succession out of the executive and into the legislative branch of the Government. On this point we take pleasure in calling attention to the recent review of this whole subject by Mr. D. F. Murphy, Official Re-

porter of the Senate. No reflecting man can read Mr. Murphy's admirable review of the legislative history of this peculiar statute and resist the conclusion that the statute is wholly defiant of the spirit of the constitutional clause regu-

lating succession to the Chief Magistracy. The effect of the statute in question when contrasted with the effect of the

main constitutional provision, is this: Under the main constitutional provision

two lives are assigned to cover the accidents of four years. Both these lives are designated by the people and are essentially executive.

The Congress, acting by virtue of the supplementary clause, provides for the heritage presumptive; and, with characteristic selfishness, locates it within the control of Congress itself; thus transferring the executive succession, after the second stage, to the legislative branch of the Government, and thereby, in our judgment, dislocating it entirely. That is to say, if the President dies, the Vice-President succeeds. This is proper and constitutional, But if the Vice-President dies, a Senator must succeed. And then, if the Senator dies, a Representative must become

THE EVENING CRITIC, President. The fact that the Senator succeeding in the second place is yelept Presiding Officer of the Senate, or that the Representative succeeding in the third place is yelept Speaker of the House, does not alter the main logic. In any event the result stands that whereas, the first successor is the Vice-President elected by the people of the Fall and Winter whole country, the second is a Senator chosen by the legislature of a State, while the third is a Representative elected by the

constituency of a district. From all these facts we deduce the conf clusion that the statute itself is subversive of the intention of the Fathers, which evilently was to conserve the independence of the co-ordinate branches of the Government both presently and by succession. Thus we infer that while the Democrats are statutorily right they are constitutionally wrong. And as the Constitution precedes the statute, therefore the Democrats, no matter what the technical logic of their position may be, are fundamentally in error and therefore, as usual, occupying untenable ground.

THE Republican this morning, with a view of belittling ex-Congressman John Goode

of Virginia, says: "He was not a success as a member of Congress, which it did not take Sam Randall long to discover, so he placed him at the head of a small committee, where he could not do any damage to the Government or his party."

That's all bosh. The fact that Sam Ran dall placed him at the head of a small com mittee is in Mr. Goode's favor. You may bet your sweet life that if John Goode could have been of any service in breaking up the Democratic party or busting a hole in the Constitution Sam Randall would have put him on the highest official pedestal in the House of Representatives.

THE AUTHORITIES in charge of the naval raining school consider Newport to be bad place for boys and propose a removal to some place where fewer temptations to loafing are offered.

WE FEEL authorized to say that John Sherman will not be asked to accept the Treasury portfolio in the new deal.

The Opportunity for Revenge.

Manchester Union.

The whirligig of time brings strange reverses, indeed. Nobody supposed when John Sherman was investigating Arthur's custom-house management a few years since, that Arthur would so soon have an opportunity, as President, to direct an overhauling of Sherman's management of the Treasury.

Dick, the Philosopher.

National Republican.

Col. Wintersmith, of Kentucky, who was a candidate before the Democratic caucus for Secretary of the Senate, was asked last evening by a Republican reporter how he felt. He replied: "Col. Wintersmith wears his defeat as an angel wears his wings—to elevate and glorify."

Yerktown Bulletin.

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Chicago Times.

Ex-Secretary Robeson had his pocket picked the other day, but he refused to prosecute the thicf, who was, therefore, set at large. When Robeson was Secretary of the Navy the Government neglected to prosecute him. Does a fellow fe-ling have anything to do with the gentleman's element?

A Howling Success.

Steelville (Mo.) Sentinei.

The Contederate reunion at Moberly was ge gratifying success in every respect. Neither the Globe-Democrat nor the Post-Dispatch could find anything in the proceedings to sneer at.

Genuine Grief.

Chleago Times.

The insurance company which had written a policy of \$25,000 upon Garfield's life draped its Broadway building and put out the legend: "We Mourn Our Loss."

A Southern Opinion of Bayard Atlanta Constitution.
Senator Bayard seems inclined to play the role of Boss.

White House Nuisances. Roaches, as well as office-seekers, are among the nuisances at the White House.

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